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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report-October 2004

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Report Highlights:

Burmese bean and pulse exports in October decreased by 66 percent from the same period in 2003. Japan, a major buyer for Burmese Butter beans and other pulses, bought only a small amount of 336 metric tons. India accounted for 73 percent of total exports, followed by Pakistan with 10 percent.

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Trade

Burma exported 34,080 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses in October, down 66 percent from the same period in 2003. Matpe accounts for 67 percent of total bean and pulse exports, followed by Mung beans (16 percent) and Chickpeas (14 percent), respectively. The major destination was India, accounting for 73 percent of the total beans and pulses export.

Bangladesh - a total of 299 mt of beans and pulses exported:
299 mt of Black Matpe

Belgium - a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:
23 mt of Kidney beans

China - a total of 3,143 mt of beans and pulses exported:
2,611 mt of Mung beans
532 mt of Cowpea

Dominican Republic - a total of 230 mt of beans and pulses exported:
230 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

India - a total of 24,739 mt of beans and pulses exported:
17,952 mt of Matpe
1,531 mt of Mung beans
91 mt of Black eye beans
1,911 mt of Chickpeas
2,431 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)
823 mt of Kidney beans

Italy - a total of 69 mt of beans and pulses exported:
69 mt of Mung beans

Japan - a total of 336 mt of beans and pulses exported:
274 mt of Matpe
62 mt of Red Lima beans

Malaysia - a total of 230 mt of beans and pulses exported:
207 mt of Matpe
23 mt of Mung beans

Netherlands – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:
23 mt of Kidney beans

Pakistan - a total of 3,510 mt of beans and pulses exported:
230 mt of Matpe
910 mt of Mung beans
2,370 mt of Chickpeas

Philippines - a total of 138 mt of beans and pulses exported:
92 mt of Black eye beans
46 mt of Bamboo beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 504 mt of beans and pulses exported:

72 mt of Matpe
192 mt of Mung beans
240 mt of Chickpeas

Singapore - a total of 222 mt of beans and pulses exported:

154 mt of Matpe
46 mt of Mung beans
22 mt of Bamboo beans

Spain - a total of 64 mt of beans and pulses exported:

42 mt of Kidney beans
22 mt of Black eye beans

Sudan - a total of 168 mt of beans and pulses exported:

168 mt of Chickpeas

Thailand - a total of 22 mt of beans and pulses exported:

22 mt of Cowpea

UAE - a total of 360 mt of beans and pulses exported:

360 mt of Matpe

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2003	2004
January	43,885	59,450
February	65,471	82,143
March	70,011	131,179
April	88,772	129,001
May	51,591	139,895
June	100,893	98,906
July	107,520	68,992
August	87,198	47,786
September	100,575	30,748
October	99,008	34,080
November	36,638	
December	38,493	
TOTAL	890,055	822,180

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee on October 2004 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 280

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 335

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 270

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)(FAQ) US\$ 330

Note: Average exchange rate in October: one US\$=Kyat 960

Market Situations

The flow of the new bean and pulse crops into Rangoon markets has been low. Trading activities are weak with almost no export shipping activities. Traders are cautious, watching the market situation, before making any trading transactions. Border trade is also depressed. The political changes in the top-level GOB leaders have created a desire to wait and see among the traders. It should be noted that export demand for beans and pulses from importing countries consistently dropped for the fifth-consecutive month this year. Japan, a regular buyer of Burma's Butter beans, imported only a small amount of 336 metric tons of beans and pulses in October. Most of the European buyers bought only a few quantities, mainly Kidney beans. India took 73 percent of the total bean and pulse exports in October, followed by Pakistan (10 percent). Beans and Pulses export to China and Thailand are mostly border trade deals.

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